UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

CHAMBERS OF KENT LINDQUIST CHIEF JUDGE 301 FEDERAL BUILDING GARY, INDIANA 46402 TELEPHONE AREA CODE 219 881-3332

May 16, 2002

TO: The Chapter 13 Bar

RE: Attorney's Fees Awarded to Counsel for Chapter 13 Debtor(s)

It has been the policy of this Court, effective June 30, 1998, to award up to a maximum of \$1,600.00 in attorney's fees to debtor's counsel for representing a debtor in a routine, consumer case under Chapter 13, without the necessity of filing an itemized fee application. Any fee in excess of that sum required an itemized fee application for extraordinary, unusual, or unanticipated legal services that were rendered to the debtor or the debtor's estate.

The Court has concluded that this figure should now be adjusted upward to \$1,800.00. Accordingly, effective June 1, 2002, as to any Chapter 13 case filed on or after that date, the Court will approve a fee not to exceed \$1,800.00 for Chapter 13 debtor's counsel, without the necessity of an itemized fee application, in a routine, consumer case.

Very truly yours

Kent Lindquist

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

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cc: Trustee U.S. Trustee